

VIRGINIA IN REAR IN SCHOOL WORK

System Stands Forty-First
Among States in General
Efficiency.

TEACHERS ARE POORLY PAID

Southern Communities Have
Much Illiteracy—Sage Founda-
tion Statistics.

Virginia takes forty-first place among the forty-eight States of the Union, in general efficiency of her school system, according to a comparative study of systems in the several States, made public yesterday by the Russell Sage Foundation. The publication is most exhaustive, going in detail into the conditions in every State concerning the ten tests of efficiency laid down as standards by the foundation.

Recent writers have said in magazines that Virginia has shown the greatest growth to be found in the country in recent years. But it is not claimed that she has reached a high rank. The statement of conditions made by the Russell Sage Foundation recalls the remarks of J. D. Sisson before the Virginia Educational Conference, when he said that neither the critics of the system nor its over-ardent friends present conditions as they are.

Conditions in South.
Those States ranking below Virginia are all in the South, and this at once helps to define the position of the State. In the matter of rural school houses, this State, with the rest of those in the South, is low in the scale, for they were in dire poverty for a generation after the War Between the States. Considering the negro population, the percentage of school attendance is necessarily low. Peculiar conditions apply in nearly every test. States below Virginia in the table which summarizes the report are, in their order, as follows: Kentucky, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, while Alabama brings up the rear of the procession, being lowest of all in the efficiency tables.

The first test is on the number of children in school and out. Vermont here ranks first, with 82.1 per cent of persons of school age in public schools, 7.6 per cent in private schools, and only 7.3 per cent outside of the schools. Maine is second. Virginia ranks forty-fourth, with 61.8 per cent in public schools, 2.6 per cent in private schools and 34.7 per cent outside. This State has no compulsory education law, except a local option feature so far used in only two or three localities. There are, besides, racial problems. Louisiana is last in this list.

Money Expended.
In the matter of total school revenue Virginia shows up well, standing twenty-fifth among the forty-eight States, above her average in material wealth. New York, naturally, is first, and Pennsylvania, also naturally, is second. Nevada, with equal appropriateness, is last. But Virginia spends more money on her schools than do such rich communities as South Dakota, Maryland, Maine, North Carolina (thirty-third), Mississippi, Alabama, New Hampshire (forty-first), and Delaware (forty-seventh).

Of the total sum raised in Virginia, 51.7 per cent is from local taxes, 38.4 per cent from State taxes, 1 per cent from permanent funds and 9.2 per cent from other sources.

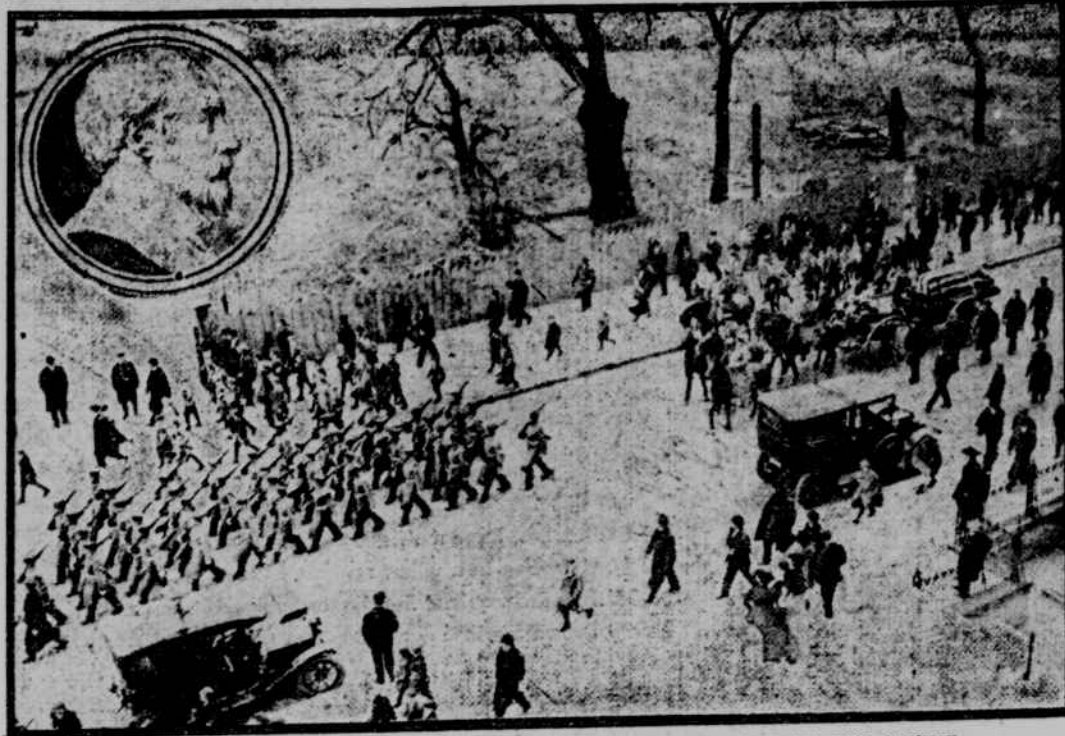
The third test is the amount invested in school plants, with the average value per child. Massachusetts is first, with \$12,555.323 as value of school property, school population of 629,880, and average value per child of \$19.92.

This State is forty-first in the average annual expenditure per child, as it spends \$5 each per year. North Carolina spends only \$4, and South Carolina only \$2, while Washington State spends \$22, and California \$27. The figures for the Southern States, of course, include children of all races.

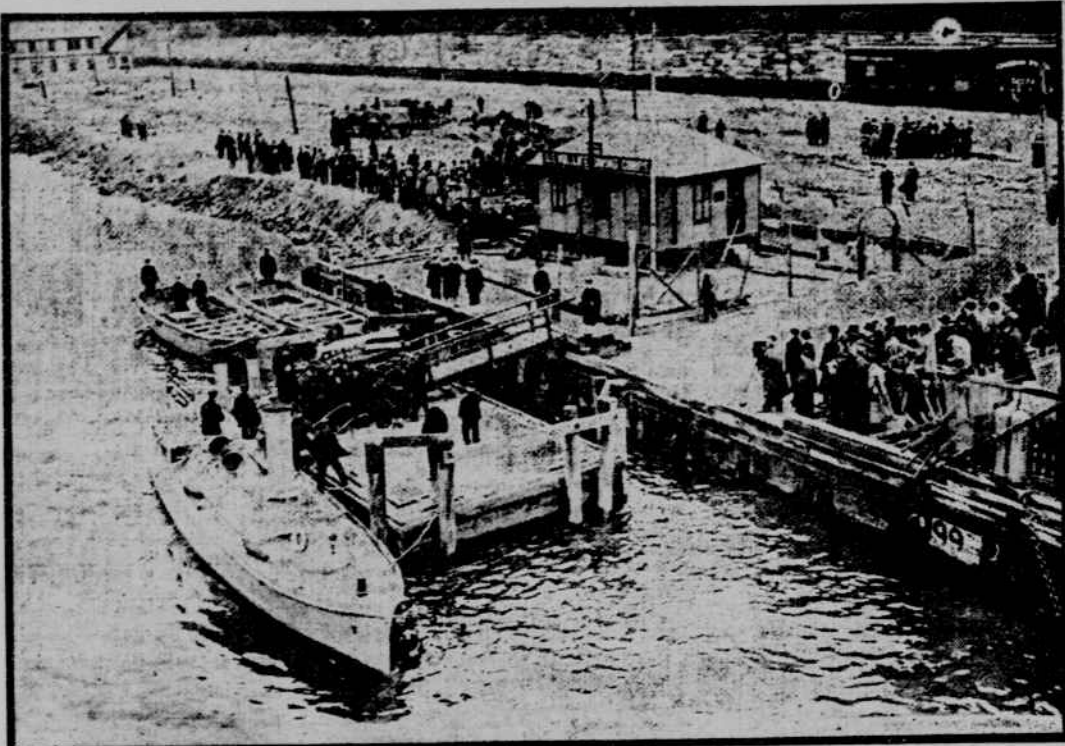
Days of Schooling.

In average days of schooling per year, Virginia is fortieth, her children spending an average of fifty-eight days in the year at school. North Carolina gives her children fifty-one days, and South Carolina fifty days. Massachusetts, ranking first, sends her children

Bringing Home the Body of Ambassador Reid



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to school 131 days in the year, on an average.

A map shows compulsory attendance laws, indicating that most of the States in the country now require all children to go to school. Only Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida have no laws at all, while Virginia and five others in the South have partial legislation on the subject. This State permits localities to determine the question by popular vote.

Virginia's cost is 11 cents per child per day in the public schools, ranking forty-second. North Carolina is forty-seventh, with 7 cents, and South Carolina is last, Nevada leads, with 29 cents.

School mortality is another test. The number of pupils in the elementary schools in the high schools and in the colleges is shown, and the States are ranked in order of proportion of high school pupils to those in the elementary schools. New Hampshire is first, with, however, only 115 pupils in high schools for each 1,000 in the elementary schools. Virginia is thirty-third in this list, having 410.507 in the lower schools and 18.195 in high schools, with 6,111 pupils in colleges.

Twenty-two-Year Course.

In North Carolina, New Mexico, Ar-

kansas and Alabama," says the report, "the attendance period is so short that the average pupil would need about twenty-two years to complete an elementary course of eight years of nine full school months each. If he were compelled to live up to this standard, he might enter school at the age of five, and not get his eighth grade certificate until he was twenty-seven years old."

In eighteen of the forty-eight States, the average annual wage of public school-teachers amounts to less than \$1 per day. In only five States is it more than \$2 a day. The highest average salary paid is \$915 in California, and the lowest is \$200 in North Carolina. The rank of Virginia is forty-second, with an average of \$368 per teacher. According to the study, the average annual wage of carpenters in the United States is \$302; of coal miners, \$600; of factory workers, \$550; of common laborers, \$513; of teachers, \$485.

"Throughout the Southern States," pursues the report, "thousands of rural teachers earn less than \$150 a year. In one New England State hundreds of teachers earn less than \$6 a week. In one county in a Central Atlantic State the average for all teachers is \$129 a year. One Southern

State rents its convicts to contractors at a little more than \$100 the year and pays its public school teachers slightly more than \$300."

Showing of Illiterates.
In illiterate persons Virginia is fortieth, all colors included. Among whites the percentage of illiterates is 8.1, while among colored people it is 30 per cent. The best showing is made in Iowa, where only 1.7 per cent of the people cannot read and write. Louisiana makes the worst showing, where 14.2 per cent of whites and 48.4 per cent of colored people are illiterate.

The only States in the Union having free textbooks throughout are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Nebraska, Wyoming and Utah. A majority of States have no free books at all, while the rest have them in part.

Health inspection laws and official supervision of the construction of schoolhouses are also considered in diagrams.

The summary, putting Virginia forty-first, places this State in the lowest of four divisions in the matters of children in school, school plant, expense per child, school days per child, daily cost and teachers' salaries. She ranks up in the third division in school year, in attendance, in expenditure and wealth and in high schools.

MEET FACE TO FACE OVER BIER OF REID

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Tenant H. K. Hewitt. It was placed on a bier in front of the chancel rail. Then after an interval of silence the organist had ceased, the Rev. Howard C. Robbins read the sentences after which the choir sang selections from the thirty-ninth and ninety-fifth Psalms.

The lesson, taken from the fifteenth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, was read by Dean Grosvenor.

While the choir sang the anthem from "The Light of the World," the congregation stood, and then Bishop Leonard, of Ohio, read the creed and the prayers. There was another brief interval, followed by the singing of hymn 395.

The first part of the committal service was read by Bishop Boyd Carpenter, while the second part was read by Bishop Grosvenor, who also pronounced the grace. Immediately after this, the choir sang a hymn by Chadwick, of which Mr. Reid was fond.

First to Leave Cathedral.
The first to leave the cathedral was President Taft. He rode immediately after the bier. The body was carried out of the cathedral as the organist played Handel's "Dead March in Saul."

Escorted by the sailors and marines from the battleships and the navy, and by the infantrymen, and accompanied by the pall-bearers, the family and a few immediate friends of the family, the body of Mr. Reid was taken to the Grand Central, where it was placed on board a special train and borne to Tarrytown.

FINED \$10

Conductor of Richmond and Henric Railway Refused Ticket.
A fine of \$10 was imposed upon the Richmond and Henric Railway yesterday in Police Court for refusing to accept a labor ticket between the hours of 8 and 1 o'clock on Christmas morning. C. F. Bryan, a railroad conductor, testified that one of the company's conductors declined to accept the

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most deeply concerned. It is not very usual for the deceased to give full expression to his feelings at his wake, but I remember in one of Bonclaud's Irish dramas the corpse was sufficiently revived to partake of the liquid refreshment and became chief participant in the festivities.

Bryan Almost Right.

"You know when I read Mr. Bryan's prophecy that I would be relegated to private life by a unanimous vote, I thought he was poetic and unreliable in his prophecies as usual, but in truth nothing but Vermont and Utah prevented a literal fulfillment of the forecast, and Mr. Bryan was nearer than ever before in his life to a fact."

In closing his speech with a plea for a united party, the President extended the olive branch to all Republicans who left the party "under an impulse." "Let us invite them to a calm consideration," he said, "and then if they have decided, they will be unwise not to return to us and stand again shoulder to shoulder with us in this critical

time in our country's history. "Let us invite from the ranks of our opponents, the Democrats, the many who love the Constitution and the blessings it has conferred upon the people to unite with us in its defense. It must be a campaign of education among the common people, for the benefit of the common people, against the poison of class hatred, the fanaticism of unbalanced enthusiasts, the sophistry of demagogic promise and the wiles of the false friends of humanity."

Detectives Rewarded.
As a reward for their services in recovering the \$4,000 which was stolen from the Washington and Southern Bank, Washington, D. C., Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Kellum yesterday received a check for \$100. The money was stolen by Webster Morris, colored, employed as a runner, who escaped.

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